

$$t_{fc} > \sqrt{\frac{M_f}{0.8 F_{yc} Y_c} \frac{2(d_b - t_{fb})}{1}} \quad (3-25)$$

where:

$$Y_c = \left(\frac{c}{2} + s\right) \left(\frac{1}{C_2} + \frac{2}{C_1}\right) + (C_2 + C_1) \left(\frac{4}{c} + \frac{2}{s}\right) \quad (3-26)$$

$$C_1 = \frac{g}{2} - k_1 \quad (3-27)$$

$$C_2 = \frac{b_{fc} - g}{2} \quad (3-28)$$

$$s = \sqrt{\frac{C_1 C_2}{C_2 + 2C_1} (2b_{fc} - 4k_1)} \quad (3-29)$$

If  $t_{fc}$  is less than the calculated value, a column with a thicker flange must be selected.

**Step 8:** Check column flange thickness for adequacy for beam flange compression according to the following:

$$t_{fc} > \frac{M_f}{(d_b - t_{fb})(6k + 2t_{pl} + t_{bf}) F_{yc}} \quad (3-30)$$

where  $k$  is the  $k$ -distance of the column from the *AISC Manual*.

If  $t_{fc}$  is less than given by Equation 3-30, than beam flange continuity plates are required in accordance with Section 3.3.3.1.

**Step 9:** Check the panel zone shear capacity in accordance with Section 3.3.3.2. For purposes of this calculation,  $d_b$  may be taken as the distance from one edge of the end plate to the center of the beam flange at the opposite flange.

**Step 10:** Detail the connection as shown in Figure 3-13.